

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 19, 22, and 24 have been amended. Claims 9, 17, 18, and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-8, 10-16, 19-24 are pending and under consideration.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103:**

Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,005,923). Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 9.

Claims 22, and 24 have been amended to clarify the features of the present application.

Therefore, for at least the above, it is respectfully requested that this rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn and independent claim 1 be allowed.

In addition, claims 2-7, 10, 11, 14, and 15 are deemed patentable due at least to their depending from claim 1, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

Claims 8, 11-13, 17, 18, 22, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gish (U.S. Patent No. 5,724,554).

Claims 17, 18, and 25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Regarding claim 8, the Office Action sets forth that Gist discloses "corresponds to the telecommunication terminal device claimed and is operated according to a method (Fig. 2) comprising: if a serial interface that corresponds to the first external terminal device of a first type claimed is selected to be connected through the modem that corresponds to the telecommunication terminal device claimed to a telephone line(column 1, lines 30-34) that corresponds to the public telephone network claimed(Fig. 2 , step 102, negative branch), establishing a serial connection interface(Fig. 2, steps 112,114, 116;column 4, lines 7-12) between the telephone line that corresponds to the public telephone network claimed and the serial interface that corresponds to the first external terminal device of first type of a first type claimed.

By way of review, claim 8 sets forth that "determining whether a first external terminal device of a first connection type interface is selected; if there is a determination that the first external terminal device is selected, allowing telecommunications between a public telephone network and the first external terminal device; if there is a determination that the first external

terminal device is not selected, determining whether a second external terminal device of the second connection type interface is selected; and if there is a determination that the second external terminal device is selected and that the first external terminal device is not selected, allowing telecommunications between the public telephone network and the second external terminal device." In contrast, Gist discloses check whether "PINS 18-25 AT GROUND ?" (step 102), if the answer is "NO" connect serial pin out to serial communication lines(step 112), deactivate parallel communications controller and activate serial communications controller (FIG. 2). As such it is unclear how the Examiner alleges that Gist discloses the features as recited in claim 8.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10-13, which depend from claim 8, also be allowed at least for the same reasons as claim 8, as well as for the additional recitations therein.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 which depends from claim 1, also be allowed for at least the same reasons as claim 1, as well as for the additional recitations therein.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Claims 9, 16, 19, 21, and 23 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claim 16, which depends from claim 8, is also allowable the same reasons as claim 8.

Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 17. Thus, reconsideration of claims 19, 21, and 23 is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

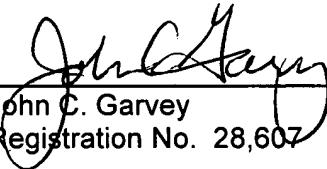
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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